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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Bove, Susan GROUP ART UNIT: 1646

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TITLE: Method Of Treating Osteoarthritis By Administering An Il-6 Antibody (as amended)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2009, having a Shortened Statutory Period for Reply set to expire on April 30, 2009. A one-month Extension of Time to May 30, 2009 is hereby requested.

The specification has been amended on page 2 of this response to amend the Title.

The claims of the above-referenced patent application have been amended as provided in a listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 5.